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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Environmental Engineering) and M.A. (Statistics) University of California, Berkeley, CA, 2001

Thesis: *Bayesian Approach for Subsurface Characterization Using Hydrogeological and Geophysical Data*

M.S. (Environmental Fluid Mechanics) Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, 1997

M.Eng. (Hydrology and Water Resources) Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, 1990

B.Eng. (Water Resources Engineering) and B.S. (Applied Mathematics) Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, 1988

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interests are interdisciplinary and across surface and groundwater hydrology, geophysics, and statistics. My primary research focus is on the development and application of advanced statistical and mathematical models for solving complex problems in earth and environment sciences. My current research areas include

Hydrogeophysics/Biogeophysics

Hydrogeophysics/biogeophysics is the use of geophysical methods for imaging subsurface properties and for monitoring important processes related to hydrogeological and biogeochemical studies. One main challenge in hydrogeophysics/biogeophysics is the lack of effective methods for integrating multi-scale and multi-source information, such as geological, hydrogeological, geophysical, geochemical, and biological data. The goal of my research is to develop statistical models for combining such diverse datasets. Examples of my research in this area are:

- Developed a state-space Bayesian estimation framework to combine time-lapse geophysical data for monitoring evolution of microbially mediated precipitation during bioremediation processes (*Chen et al.*, *WRR*, *submitted*).
- Developed a joint inversion approach to estimate fracture zonation along several cross sections at the DOE NABIR Field Research Center in Tennessee using seismic traveltimes, flowmeter test data, and Markov chain Monte Carlo methods (*Chen et al.*, 2006, *WRR*).
- Developed a statistical model based on data collected from the DOE South Oyster Site to estimate the spatial distribution of field-scale extractable Fe(II) and Fe(III) using ground-penetrating radar tomographic attenuation data and various borehole logs (*Chen et al.*, 2004, *WRR*).
- Developed a Bayesian method based on a normal linear regression model to combine crosswell seismic and ground-penetrating radar tomographic data with borehole flowmeter test data to estimate hydraulic conductivity (*Chen et al.*, 2001, *WRR*).

Geophysical Inverse Problems

Geophysical inverse problems are the inferences of physical properties from geophysical measurements. They are typically ill-posed because of non-uniqueness of the solutions and nonlinearity of the forward modeling. The main tasks of my research in the area are: (1) To formulate inverse problems properly within a Bayesian framework, (2) To develop efficient (often problem-specific) Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) sampling strategies to explore the joint posterior probability distributions, and (3) To implement the MCMC sampling strategies by developing fast and efficient computer codes on multiple platforms (e.g., Unix and Linux clusters). Examples of my research are:

- Developed Bayesian models to estimate reservoir parameters using seismic and electromagnetic data and stochastic rock physics models (*Chen and Dickens, 2009, Geophysical Prospecting; Chen and Hoversten, 2005, SEG Expanded Abstracts*).
- Compared Gauss-Newton iterative and Markov chain Monte Carlo based methods for inverting spectral induced polarization data (*Chen et al., 2008, Geophysics*).
- Developed Bayesian models to estimate reservoir gas saturation from 1D marine seismic amplitude versus angle and controlled-source electromagnetic data using MCMC sampling methods (*Chen et al., 2007, Geophysics; Chen et al., 2004, SEG Expanded Abstract*).
- Developed stochastic models to estimate reservoir porosity and water saturation using borehole porosity and water saturation measurements, crosswell seismic P- and S-wave traveltimes, and inverted 2D electrical conductivity data (*Chen and Hoversten, 2003, SEG Expanded Abstract*).

Environmental Applied Statistics

Modern statistics provides a variety of methods for solving complex problems in earth and environmental sciences, such as spatial statistics (or geostatistics), time series analysis, Bayesian statistics, multivariate data analysis, linear and nonlinear regression, and multiple testing techniques. Fast growing of computing power makes it possible to implement many computationally intensive methods. However, successful applications of statistics methods often need substantial knowledge on both statistics and applied fields. The goal of my research in the area is to bridge the gap between statistics and applied fields and to utilize advanced statistical methods to effectively solve problems in earth and environment sciences. Examples of my research are:

- Compared various multiple testing methods for controlling Type-I errors in microarray studies (*Chen et al., 2007, Statistical Applications in Genetics and Molecular Biology; McHale et al., 2009, Genomics*).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Geophysical Union (AGU)
- Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG)
- American Statistical Association (ASA)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Geological Scientist, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, CA, 4/2004—Present

Research Statistician, University of California, Berkeley, CA, 10/2005—8/2006

Research Engineer, University of California, Berkeley, CA, 2003—2005

Postdoctoral Fellow, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, CA, 2003

Postdoctoral Fellow, University of California, Berkeley, CA, 2002

Research Scientist and Lecturer, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, 1990-1995

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Oil and Gas Exploration

- Markov chain Monte Carlo methods for seismic and electromagnetic data inversion (stinv-EMAVA)
- Stochastic inversion of seismic amplitude-versus-angle data (stinv-AVA)
- Numerical simulation of electromagnetic fields in stratified anisotropic media (aniso-EM1D)
- Numerical simulation of electromagnetic fields in stratified anisotropic media using finite sources and receivers (finite-aniso-EM1D)
- Adaptive Gauss-Newton methods for inverting electrical conductivity in stratified anisotropic media (inv-aniso-EM1D)

Environmental Applications

- Bayesian integration software for combining geophysical and hydrological data
- Stochastic inversion of spectral induced polarization data (stinv-SIP)

PUBLICATIONS

Papers in Refereed Journals

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- Kowalsky, M., **J. Chen**, and S. Hubbard (2006), Joint inversion of geophysical and hydrological data for improved subsurface characterization, *The leading Edge*, 25, 730.
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- Chen, J.**, M. Hoversten, D. Vasco, Z. Hou, and Y. Rubin (2005), Markov chain Monte Carlo based approaches for inverse problems, *Eos Trans. AGU*, 86(52), *Fall Meet. Suppl.*, Abstract H21G-07.

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